

through the educational workshops she holds for our community's women, and her incredible efforts as a Divorce Financial Analyst. It is not an understatement to say that Becky is a champion for our women.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, I am grateful to the Blair County Chamber for their work to create an environment that fosters community growth and success, and for constituents like Becky for their tireless work.

RECOGNIZING MR. DAVID JOSEPH BORCKY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Dave Borcky, who passed away on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

A native of McFarland, California, Mr. Borcky served our country as a member of the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. After his return, Dave worked tirelessly in the community to ensure veterans receive the recognition they deserve through the McFarland Veterans Community Center.

Mr. Borcky was an active member of many organizations in the Central Valley. He was a member of the Lions Club and American Legion Post, participated in Boys and Girls State activities, and coached students from McFarland High School in the LEOS Club. He organized local food drives, back to school drives, and many other activities that improved the lives of the McFarland residents. In December 2011, Mr. Borcky was named Grand Marshall for the McFarland Christmas Parade.

Mr. Borcky was a key player in McFarland's community for several years. It is with great pride that I recognize him for his service and leadership to his country and his community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Dave Borcky. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

IN MEMORY OF ZENOBIA VIOLA HARRIS BIVENS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, today I rise with a heavy heart, to remember the life of a special young woman, and to celebrate a life interrupted too soon.

Zenobia Viola Harris Bivens, 40, of Houston, Texas, passed away on January 8, 2022 after a sudden and unexpected case of meningitis.

Zenobia was a mother, wife, sister, daughter, aunt, cousin, and friend. She was born on September 15, 1981, in Goldsboro, North Carolina at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base to Johnny Harris Jr. and Major Regina V. Harris. She is preceded in death by her father, Johnny Harris Jr. and is survived by her husband, Darvell Bivens; son, Dean Roque Harris Bivens; mother, Regina V. Harris; sister,

LaGina R. Harris; and brother, Johnny B. Harris III and his wife, Jessica M. Saulter Harris.

Zenobia's greatest impact was sharing her heart and time with those that knew and loved her, especially Darvell, her college sweetheart and best friend for over 20 years. Together they gathered a 'Village' of educators, friends and family to create a loving, fun, and nurturing environment for their son Dean. Zenobia based her actions on her family values of 'God, Family, and Education'.

Zenobia graduated from San Angelo Central High School in 1999 and went on to attend college at West Texas A&M where she won a National Title in Speech and Debate was named University Woman of the Year, was featured in Glamour Magazine, and met the love of her life—Darvell Bivens. She graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication—Broadcasting.

She received the Future Faculty Fellowship (full scholarship to receive master's degree and doctorate) to attend the University of Alabama. While at the University, Zenobia was the co-founder of the Coalition for Change (organization dedicated to identifying and preserving historic Civil Rights sites including discovering unmarked graves of the enslaved on the campus grounds).

She graduated summa cum laude with a Master of Arts in Communication Studies from the University of Alabama. Zenobia then attended Northwestern University—Pritzker Law School where she was a legal extern to former Senator Barack Obama and graduated cum laude with a Doctor of Jurisprudence.

In her profession, Zenobia's achievements are numerous and impressive. Zenobia served as clerk for the Honorable Carl E. Stewart of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit and the Honorable Justice Dale Wainwright (ret.) of the Texas Supreme Court. She was a renowned trial and appellate lawyer.

She served as counsel in cases involving NASA, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development among many. Her cases were featured in Forbes, The New York Times, and The Houston Chronicle.

Zenobia successfully argued a case before the United States Supreme Court. At the time of her death, Zenobia was a Managing Partner for the Frost, Brown & Todd Law Firm.

She was relentless in her pursuit for justice, and this was evident in her pro bono advocacy work as she was particularly passionate about helping those who had been denied justice by the legal system that she so cherished.

Zenobia was truly a force of nature. She commanded attention and respect in any space she entered, be it a family room, courtroom, a garden, or even a podium for one of her epic speeches.

Anyone meeting Zenobia for the first time might have been intimidated by the sheer power of her presence. Those who knew Zenobia realized that one of her most significant impacts was in the one-on-one discussions, when her questions or advice could provide new confidence or reveal a new strength in those she loved.

Zenobia did not get the quantity of time on Earth she deserved or that we wanted; what she lacked in quantity, she more than made up for with quality. Zenobia once mentioned that the greatest people in history made their biggest impacts early in their lives.

She was taken physically from this world much too soon, but Zenobia leaves it, and us, better.

As Zenobia walked ahead of us, she set the bar high and built upon the foundation her predecessors laid. She walked beside us, as a companion on our own journeys of growth. She supported and sustained us when we fell. As a result of having known her, we are invigorated and stronger.

Zenobia did her work to change the world now, we must honor her by continuing ours.

HONORING THE MUNSTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I take this time to recognize the Munster Chamber of Commerce as the organization celebrates its 66th Annual Gala. This year, the Chamber will honor Damian Rico with the Volunteer of the Year award, and the Citizen of the Year award will be presented to Wendy Mis. To commemorate this special occasion, the Munster Chamber will host a celebratory event on Saturday, January 29, 2022, at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, Indiana.

Damian Rico is this year's recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award. Mr. Rico gives of his time and efforts to numerous charitable organizations throughout the region including the Salvation Army, the Crystal Taliefero Journey with the Arts Foundation, Schererville Shock Travel Baseball, and the Munster Chamber of Commerce, to name a few. As Community Relations Director at Hospice of the Calumet Area, Mr. Rico has touched the lives of countless individuals. He believes that his career at Hospice is a calling, and I admire Damian's ability to provide support to patients and their families during such difficult times. Mr. Rico's compassion and generosity of spirit make him a perfect fit for this role. For his many contributions to the Northwest Indiana community, Damian is worthy of our highest praise.

The Citizen of the Year award will be presented to Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Munster. Throughout her career, Mrs. Mis has served the community of Munster and Northwest Indiana in numerous capacities. In 2010, she became the Executive Director for the Munster Chamber of Commerce, a position she held for many years. Mrs. Mis was also active in the Munster School Corporation and served as a past PTO President. In addition, she has given of her time and expertise to many organizations and boards including the Munster Education Foundation, the Munster Booster Club, Friends of Hospice, the Rotary Club of Munster, and the Northern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, to name a few. For her outstanding and constant dedication to the community of Munster and beyond, Wendy is worthy of the highest commendation.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the Munster Chamber of Commerce as the organization celebrates its 66th Annual Gala and in honoring Damian Rico as Volunteer of the Year and Wendy Mis as Citizen of